



THE CORSAIR

IPMS Phoenix / Craig Hewitt Chapter

President's Message

Hello everyone!

Christmas Party

Mike Makowski let everyone know he had gone ahead and reserved the usual spot for our annual Christmas Party, but we want everyone to know that this is not a lock on the party plans. We've already had a discussion in the Executive Board about exploring other options to see if we can address some of the concerns and comments we've gotten about issues such as space, parking, menu, and program.

We are very concerned that *everyone* – significant others especially – feel welcome *and* engaged in the banquet. We also don't want anyone going, "Bah, Humbug! Didn't enjoy it the last time and you can't make me go back...". It should be an affair where we celebrate our individual and collective achievements as well as the support of our families – and if we're not *really* celebrating *their* support, then I think we've missed the boat. The event *has* to be something that our families say, "Oh, that was nice!" and we may need to work a bit at that in location, planning, and program departments to make that happen. Given that we just pulled off a National Convention that has garnered high marks, I think an updated Christmas Party is doable, so to start, we need your feedback on any and all fronts. Either concrete ideas or leads, or what amounts to your or your spouse's druthers, let me know. We have a committee checking leads out, so give us your feedback – *and the sooner the better!*

Just to be clear, I'm grateful for the work and effort Mike has put in on this in the past. For years he has kept this thing going and it's been a solid event ever since we were a much smaller club. So all that effort is deeply appreciated, but we are one of the biggest clubs in the country now – time to grow this event up as well. Send me your suggestions and input.

Seminars

I asked for seminar suggestions with the intention of lining things up through the end of 2019 and got some excellent feedback from those in attendance. The following topics are what were suggested:

- Air Brush Roundtable – Bring your favorite and tell us why you like it/how you use it (Sept '18)
- Ship building – Brian Weikert has volunteered
- Scribing panel lines
- Weathering
- Figure painting basics
- Washes
- Bare Metal Foil
- Using Alclad paints – I have volunteered to do this one, more are welcome
- Molding parts
- Riveting
- Instrument Panels / Control Panels – I have volunteered to do this one too, more are welcome
- Opening hatches and doors

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President's Message Cont.

So the next step is we need volunteers to step up and show us what'cha got. This *isn't* the time to be modest. Think of it as Show 'N Tell. You don't need to be an expert, just have a spiffy idea or show us how you do it. To underscore that point, my old club back in Jersey had some pretty good models in our small numbers – Bill Devins, Art Gerber, Bob Jordan, just to name a few. One of the best clinics we *ever* had was done by a new member and one who was relatively new to the hobby and while I can't remember the topic he was *supposed* to cover, I remember he left most of us standing there looking at each other going, "Geez, why didn't I ever think of that?!?". One of his tricks was to use 0000 steel wool to eliminate mold marks and seam lines – something I have done ever since. So step up and volunteer!! It can be a group effort too! If you only have material for a part of a seminar, let me know!! Let's get this locked down guys and gals!!

Seminar Follow-up

To give you sources or reminders of what we discussed in the seminar:

- READY-STRIP is available for now at Home Depot for removing paint from models safely. Works on chrome too, especially in removing the clear undercoat found on older chrome vacuum plating.
- Be sure to use a Zip-Lock bag to intensify and keep the Ready Strip from drying out as it works.
- 0000 Steel Wool works better than many fine sandpapers, especially on seams.
- OLFA PC-L Laminate Cutter (NOT just the scribe...) can be found at or https://www.amazon.com/OLFA-1090486-Plastic-Laminate-Scorer/dp/B003UHUZ5U/ref=sr_1
- Double Faced Carpet Tape – make it your new friend
- Use the Club Scribing too at an angle in order to adz or scrape seam lines. Use the 0000 steel wool suggested above to finish.

Our newly refreshed website at www.ipms-phoenix.org is now up and running with all the current 2018 Modelzona information and forms! Go take a look and, since it is a work in progress, if you spot anything or want to add anything, send me an email at himself@oldimagineer.info

OK folks, that's all for now. *PLEASE* let me hear back from you!

All the best,

Tim

August Model Contest Photos

Theme Hollywood



Advance Winner
"Yoda" by Craig Pierce



August Model Contest Photos Cont.



August Display Models



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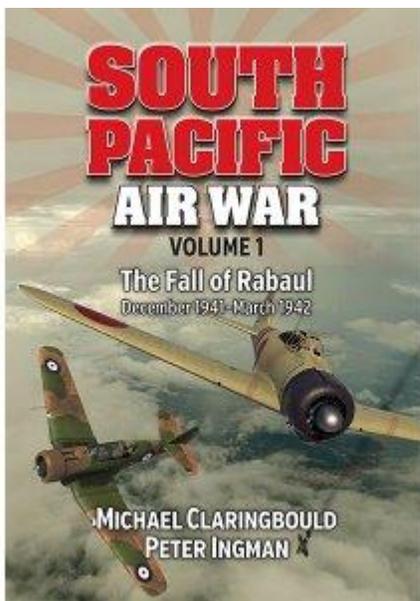
Book Review

By Ed Kucharski

Where does your inspiration for building a model usually come from; the internet, a movie, somebody else's build you saw?

I admit to all of the above. I also find motivation in a good book. Luckily I recently found three that fall into my build genre, the first year of WW2 in the Pacific. I'd like to review one of them this month with the others to follow.

South Pacific Air War vol 1 The Fall of Rabaul
December 1941 - March 1942 by M. Claringbould



Author Mike Claringbould was born and grew up in Port Moresby, New Guinea which allowed him a close historical viewpoint for this book. Mike is also an accomplished aviation artist and he contributed over 50 color pieces, the above cover page being an example. I was especially impressed with his work on the early B-17Es that served in the SWPA.

I have plans to backdate the Revell 1/48 B-17F to an E in the Hawaiian Air Depot sand/spinach/OD/NG livery with the 13 red/white stripes on the rudder plus an early Bendix belly turret.

Book Review Continued

Mike writes a chronological sequence of events showing the Japanese juggernaut easily overpowering the meager Australian Units on New Britain. I was enlightened to learn that these Aussies forces that were available at the time on Rabaul did put up a spirited, though futile, defense before an every-man-for-himself evacuation. In 1941-42, the vast majority of Aussie Units were fighting in North Africa, Greece, Crete and Malaya/Singapore.

Mike also includes over 50 b&w period photographs of aircraft, ships, and landscape scenes. Over 40 were new to me. Also included are many regional maps plus spreadsheets detailing aircraft and crew losses on both sides during the period.

The cover artwork epitomizes the struggle the Aussies faced, that of a two-seat Wirraway (a copy of an early T-6 trainer) against an A6M2 Zero.

I very much enjoyed this book and am looking forward to Vol 2 where Mike details the Aussie air battles over Port Moresby before the Americans entered the area in May 1942.

Keith at Avalon Books obtained this book for me.

2018 Club Contest Themes

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January: Vietnam—anything relating to the Vietnam War or of the era

February: Classic Plastic - Any old or classic model kit (Monogram, Frog, Airfix, etc.) produced sometime before 1980.

March: Large Scale. Must be a large sized model with at least one dimension 12-inches or larger.

April: Armor - Armored cars, tanks, assault guns.

May: Sci-fi/Fantasy—Any sci-fi or fantasy model

June: Surface Vessel Ships —self explanatory

July: Diorama/Vignettes—self explanatory

August: Hollywood—Any model connected to a Hollywood TV show or movie

September: On This Day In History - self explanatory, any scale or type.

October: Animal House

November: Autos—self explanatory

December: Helicopters—self explanatory

Whats on my bench

Mad Max Porche 924 *By Chris Renninger*

I have always wanted a Mad Max model car, but with the price of the Interceptor being over \$100\$ IF you can find one. So I decided to make my own after I won a Porsche 924 from the July raffle.



After looking the kit over I realized it will take a lot of work to get the look I want, a lot of work I have never done ,so after buying some new tools I jumped on it.

First I had to cut out the exhaust, and suspension that was molded into the floor, which I did rush.. but I don't think it looks to bad after initial clean up.



Whats on my bench Continued



After that I started making my own frame using some Polystyrene tubing along with recreating parts of the floor that were needed for the trunk along with the transmission tunnel.

After mocking the engine up, I realized I had to extend the frame a bit and the engine would not fit with the radiator in the stock engine bay. So I decided to cut the front off and move it forward leaving a gap for some exhaust idea I had.

Then I moved onto cutting out the front bumper that I plan to replace with a tube bumper/ram when I get to that part of the project.

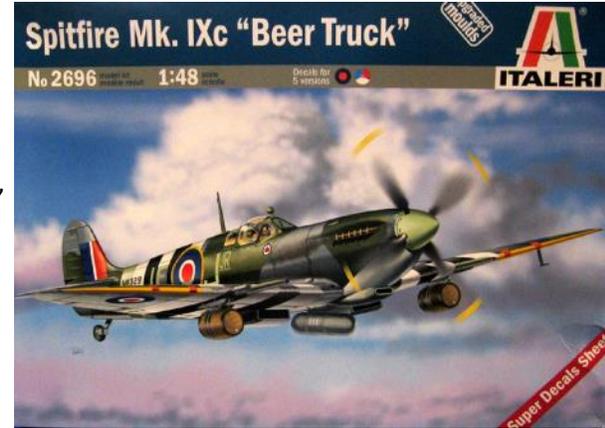
Next I will be starting the suspension, engine, and possibly the interior but I need to find some 1/24 scale street signs to use for the door panels.

Chris Renninger



Italeri 1/48 Spitfire Mk. IXc "Beer Truck" Kit No. 2696 Reviewed by Keenan Chittester

The basis of this kit is the old Occidental kit, with extra parts added for the beer barrels and a beautiful Cartograf decal sheet with five options (4 RAF and 1 Dutch). The box states that these are "upgraded moulds", but when I compared it to the MPM boxing of the Occidental kit it was obvious that the molds are basically the same. The Italeri kit only has the option of the rounded, narrow-chord rudder. Much has been written about the nose of the Occidental kit being too long, and since the Italeri kit uses the same molds, the nose is still too long. I think that the finished model looks like a Spitfire, but for you purists there is a correction set available from Aeroclub which shortens the nose by about 2mm.



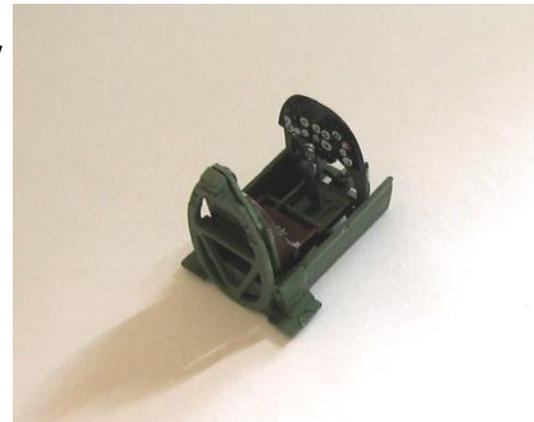
The instruction sheet is very well done.

There is a parts map, a color guide with the name of each color used, its F.S. number, Model Master paint number and Italeri AP paint number. The diagrams are clear and easy to follow, with color call-outs throughout. There are a lot of holes to open up on the wings, so follow the instructions closely to be sure you have all of the proper holes opened up. All five marking options have painting and decal instructions in four views.

The kit is molded in a very light grey. Surface detailing is good and the panel lines are crisp, if not slightly overdone. There was no flash present on any of the parts. The plastic is soft, so care must be taken when sanding seams and rescribing panel lines that you don't overdo it.

All in all, I was impressed with the fit of the kit. As with any kit test fitting is always recommended, but for the most part only slight adjustments were required to achieve an optimal fit.

The instrument panel was a bit of a disappointment. There is plenty of detail on it, but the dials do not have any faces on them, which in 1/48 scale is inexcusable, in my opinion. I dug into my decal dungeon and found an old Pro-Modeler British instrument panel decal sheet that has several individual dials and tried to dress up the kit panel as much as possible. The instructions would have you paint the entire instrument panel interior grey-green, but I have never seen a Spitfire painted that way. Only the open portion below the actual instrument panel should be painted interior grey-green. I painted the seat with Model Master rust to represent Bakelite, and the seat back padding black. I added the kit supplied seatbelt decals, and they look fairly decent. Cockpit sidewall detail is OK, but could definitely be improved upon. It looks like the cockpit entry door could be cut out and posed open, but there is no option for it in the instructions.



Moving on to the wings, all of the shell ejection ports are flashed over, so you need to open up the appropriate ones for this particular version. This was somewhat tedious, especially when it came to the "L" shaped openings. The openings that the cannons fit into are slightly large and the gaps around the cannons will need to be filled in. The two outboard machine gun openings are also flashed over, and I made the mistake of opening them up before gluing the wing halves together. If I had to do it again I would simply mark the openings and then drill them out after the wing halves are glued together. As it was, I filled the poorly shaped holes that I made with styrene rod. After the glue dried I drilled new holes to represent the machine guns.

The wingtips are provided as separate pieces, but they fit nicely with just a touch of sanding. The fuselage to wing joint was very good, and only a small amount of sanding was required to make the fit excellent. Don't forget to attach clear part #45c to the inside of the lower wing before gluing the wing assembly to the fuselage.

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The exhaust is a single piece which will be trapped underneath the upper cowl when the cowl is glued into place. There is a piece that goes on top of the exhaust part and represents the top of the engine, but since it is not visible I left it off. A small amount of sanding and test fitting is needed to achieve a perfect fit for the upper cowling. I waited until after painting to glue the exhaust and cowling in place. I used Blue Tak to hold the upper cowling in place during the painting process.

The landing gear are nicely molded and they fit snugly into their attachment points so that the model sits right. The oleo scissors are provided as separate parts that you have to fold and glue to the gear leg. They look a tad oversized to me. The tires also look to me like they are a little fat, but they do have separate hubs which makes painting easier.

The beer barrels are molded in four pieces – two halves and a top and bottom. The wood grain molded into the parts is nicely done and they look convincing once they are painted. They don't quite fit into the slots in the underwing racks, but the way they hang looks good. Bombs are also provided on the sprues, but they are marked "not for use". A centerline fuel tank is provided and I painted and attached it per the instructions.

The clear parts are thin and clear. The canopy framing on the center sliding section could have been a little heavier, but presented no real problems as far as masking was concerned. The rear view mirror is provided as a clear part. I put it in my tweezers and placed a dab of Gator glue on it and as I began to place it in its hole on the top of the windscreen it shot out of my tweezers never to be seen again. Luckily I have a Tamiya Spitfire V in my stash which has both the rectangular and rounded mirrors. I borrowed the rounded mirror from that kit and glued it into place. Unfortunately, I knocked it off during painting and have not been able to locate it. So if you look closely you will notice that my Spitfire is currently lacking a rear view mirror. I will have to spend some serious time with my spares box and see what I can come up with.



The decals are by Cartograf and are of high quality. My only complaint is that the yellow on the fuselage roundels was slightly out of register. I opted to replace them with the "register-it-yourself" roundels from Aeromaster sheet 48-244 RAF Late War Fighter Roundels. The rest of the kit decals performed beautifully using Micro Set and Sol. The instructions indicate that the prominent wing walk markings go over the invasion stripes, but I'm not sure whether or not that is the case. I decided to leave them off.

While applying the decals I did find one error, and I don't know if the error is in the instructions or the decals. The instructions indicate that the particular aircraft that I modeled has a serial of MH978, but the serial number that is provided on the decal sheet is BF273.

Decals are provided for the invasion stripes and the yellow stripes on the leading edge of the wings, but I decided to paint them instead. I used Gunze Super White and Tamiya Flat Black for the invasion stripes, and an old bottle of Aeromaster ID Yellow for the leading edge stripes. I used Model Master enamel paints for the camouflage. I also made the mistake of using an old bottle of Aeromaster Sky for the spinner and fuselage stripe. It wasn't until I was putting the fuselage code decals on that I noticed how big of a difference there was between the Sky color of the decals and the Aeromaster paint that I used.

A final coat of Acryl Flat and the usual tedious gluing on of the fiddly bits and then it was done. I'm sure there will be a few curious glances from people when they see barrels hanging from the wings of a Spitfire.

Italeri 1/48 Spitfire Mk. IXc "Beer Truck"

Kit No. 2696

Reviewed by Keenan Chittester

I must say that I really enjoyed building this kit, and was impressed with the overall quality of the molding and the fit of the parts. I can recommend this kit highly to all modelers. My sincere thanks to Italeri for the opportunity to build and review this very good kit.



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- . Monthly contest awards**
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Remember that you have to be a member in good standing to win competitions and vote for anything that the club brings to the table. So Make sure to see Treasurer, Bill Dunkle, at the club meeting to sign up for membership



EDITORS CORNER

BY LYN GORTON

The Nats were a great success but we don't rest on our Laurels, check out some of our clubs winners on the model displays page this month, and next up is Modelzona on November 3rd. Work is already underway to make this another great event. As always Wendell will be looking for on the day volunteers in all aspects.

Our newly refreshed website at www.ipms-phoenix.org is now up and running with all the current 2018 Modelzona information and forms! Go take a look and, since it is a work in progress, if you spot anything or want to add anything,

If you take a look at page 22 you will find a list of "Local" suppliers for our hobby. If you have a favorite supplier who is not listed please let me have the details, preferably a scanned business card, so we can get the word out to others in the club.

We have a lot of new contributors to the Corsair this month and I thank them for their efforts. It is always interesting to see and hear about other peoples hints and tips and as editor I am always looking for new articles. If you have something to say or show just send it to me. The Corsair is edited using Publisher but I send it out as a PDF to make the file size smaller. Publisher can take most picture and text formats so please keep your work coming in.

ModelZona 2018

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3rd, 2018
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27-08-2018

The AzNG no longer flies the AH-64 Apache.

After the final decision earlier this year to keep only four AH-64 battalions in the U.S. Army National Guard, it was time to close another chapter. Arizona's 1-285th Attack Reconnaissance Battalion was retired during a casing of the colors ceremony at Marana Silverbell Army Heliport on Saturday 4 August. The 1-285 ARB 'Desert Hawks' had been flying AH-64 Apaches since 1992.

Today the only Apache units left in the ARNG are 1-130 ARB (North Carolina), 1-151 ARB (South Carolina), 1-211 ARB (Utah) and 1-149 ARB (Texas/Mississippi) each equipped with (only) 18 AH-64Ds.

Ed Kucharski



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2018 CLUB MEETING CALENDAR

All meetings held at American Legion Post #1, 364 N. 7th Ave., Phoenix, AZ 85003

JANUARY 2018

Tuesday 2nd, 7pm
Seminar/Speaker: Tim Bongard
Thermoforming and de-stressing plastic

JULY 2018

Tuesday 10th 7pm
Seminar/Speaker: Nationals Group
Build—Bring your models

FEBRUARY 2018

Tuesday 6th 7pm
Seminar/Speaker: Ethan Dunsford
Why Tanks ?

AUGUST 2018

Tuesday 7th, 7pm
Seminar/Speaker: TBA

MARCH 2018

Tuesday 6th, 7pm
Seminar/Speaker: Lyn Gorton
Some British Airfields, their history
and exhibits.

SEPTEMBER 2018

Tuesday 4th, 7pm
Seminar/Speaker: TBA

APRIL 2018

Tuesday 3rd 7pm
Seminar/Speaker: Tim Bongard
3D Printing Demo

OCTOBER 2018

Tuesday 2nd, 7pm
Seminar/Speaker: TBA

MAY 2018

Tuesday 1st, 7pm
Seminar/Speaker: Pat Arnold
Judging 101

NOVEMBER 2018

Tuesday 6th, 7pm
Seminar/Speaker: TBA

JUNE 2018

Tuesday 5th, 7pm
Seminar/Speaker: TBA

DECEMBER 2018

Tuesday 4th, 7pm
Event: New Kit White Elephant
Exchange



Raffle Update

September Raffle Items

Tickets are \$1 or six for \$5.

- Item A: Trumpeter 1/350 USS England DE-635
- Item B: Testors 1/72 Roswell UFO
- Item C: Hobby Boss 1/72 Tiger UHT (German)
- Item D: Tamiya 1/35 US M1A1 Abrams MBT (120mm Gun)
- Item E: Revell 1/48 Spitfire Mk IXc/XVI
- Item F: BONUS: 2 for 1: Monogram/Revell 1/72 F-8F Bearcat/F7F-3P Tigercat
- Item G: AMT/Ertl 1/25 62 Buick Electra 225
- Item H: New Item from Hobby Depot

The 1/72 airplanes (Item F) are two separate kits that I am raffling off as one item

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 3rd Modelzona
 December 7th Xmas Party

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The club meets at 7pm on the first Tuesday of each month at the American Legion Post #1 in Phoenix. Check the club website at www.ipms-phoenix.org for more meeting info.

American Legion Post #1
 364 N. 7th Ave.
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The post is located South of I-10 just a few blocks North of Van Buren. Look for the huge American flag.

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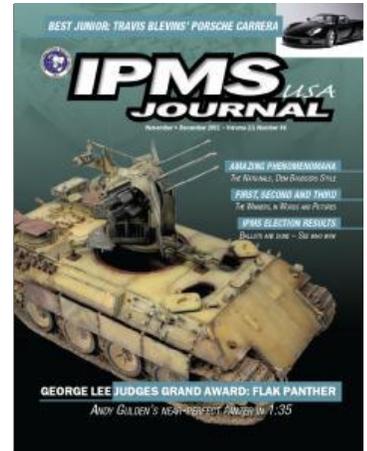
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